

**REMARKS**

Applicant is submitting this amendment to seek correction of formal matters relating to the claims without changing the scope of the claims.

Pursuant to a telephone interview of 26 December 2006, Applicant and Examiner agreed to an Examiner's Amendment, which resulted in minor changes to the claims thus placing this application in condition for allowance. However, the Examiner's Amendment did not address previously non-elected claims 8, 9 and 24 as both parties did not discuss these claims, again, though Applicant explicitly sought rejoinder during the interview of 17 October 2006. Nonetheless, and further to a telephone conversation with the Examiner in early January 2007, the Examiner indicated that the Applicant could submit an Amendment After Allowance under 37 C.F.R. Part 1.312 in order to rejoin and place the non-elected claims in the Application prior to Issuance.

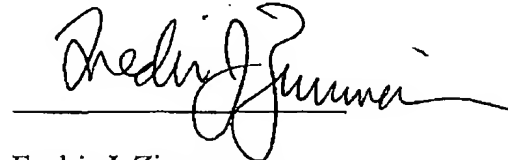
Further to the Examiner's instruction, Applicant has amended claims 8, 9 and 24 in dependent form. Please note, Applicant inadvertently "canceled" these non-elected claims instead of "withdrawing" claims 8, 9 and 24 during prosecution. Accordingly, as indicated above, claims 8, 9 and 24 are indicated as "Currently Amended" instead of "New" as no new matter has been added. Applicant respectfully requests, should it be necessary, that the Examiner by Examiner's Amendment change the designation to "New" for each claim 8, 9 and 24. (See MPEP Section 714.16 and 1302.04). Again, no new matter has been added.

Early, favorable review is respectfully requested.

If necessary, please charge any deficiencies and credit any overpayment to  
Attorney's Deposit Account Number 50-1114.

Respectfully submitted,

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